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1. On 15 May 1951 the KNOJ units occupied the guard posts on Belasica Mountain.

2. One of the infantry regiments of the division in Osijek is stationed in Nasice.

3. During December 1950, and January, February and March 1951, about one hundred men of various units of 50 Division were assigned to dig trenches on the Yugoslav-Albanian border near the village of Banjiste, which is about two kilometers west of Debar. The trenches were dug about three hundred meters from the border for a distance of about 3,500 meters. They were dug in a zig-zag manner and were about 140 cm. deep and 50 cm. wide. Emplacements for machine guns and mortars were also constructed.

4. In January 1951 there were several Albanians in the UDB prison in Debar who had been arrested as spies for the Albanian Government. One night in January the chief of the UDB in Debar, a Cominformist, armed all of the arrested men and escaped with them into Albania.

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